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New Soil Testing Laboratories
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated/proposes to allocate land and funds to set up new soil testing laboratories;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union/Territory-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State Government with regard to soil testing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Soil Health Management (SHM) Scheme is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to promote soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers, bio-fertilizers and organic manures. Under SHM there is provision to set up new soil testing laboratories.

The SHM Scheme is being implemented on 90:10 sharing basis with the North Eastern Region States and Himalayan States and on 60:40 sharing basis with other States.

Annual proposals are received from the States for setting up new soil testing labs towards procurement of equipments. Land and manpower are managed by State Governments.

(d): The details on State-wise number of soil testing labs sanctioned is given at Annexure.